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For : METHOD OF COMPLEXING A PROTEIN BY)
THE USE OF A DISPERSED SYSTEM AND)
PROTEINS THEREOF)

Examiner:
J. Weber

Art Unit:
1651

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the requirement for election of invention mailed October 23, 2003, applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-15, drawn to a method of stabilizing a protein and the product produced thereby. The restriction requirement between the inventions of Groups I and II is improper because the respective fields of search between the method and the product are closely related. Therefore, there would be no undue burden imposed by the examination of the claims of Group I together with the claims of Group II. Withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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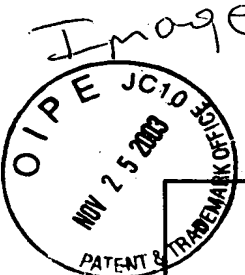
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